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Naples, April 23.

NOtwithstanding all the care that is taken by our Viceroy, to suppress the Banditti, their number increases daily; and as we are informed, they have divided themselves into three Bands, one of these have lately taken two Sons of the Duke of *S. Donato*, and demand 30000 Livres for their Ransom.

Genova, May 1. The French Resident here presses the Senate to give him a positive Answer, upon what he lately signified to them, by order of the King his Master, about the first Salute, *viz.* whether, in case the French Gallies shall happen to meet with those of *Spain* in this Port, and go about to oblige them to salute them first, if they refuse it, this State will concern it self in the thing, and protect the Spaniards; and the Senate are in great perplexity, what resolution to take in a matter, that's likely to be of so great importance, because of the disputes, that in all probability will arise from thence, between the two Crowns; In the mean time, they are hastening away their Envoy to *France*, and according to the success his representations has at that Court, they will take their farther measures.

Prague, May 8. The Count *de Serini*, (whose Father was beheaded some years since at *Vienna*) being lately come hither from *Hungary*, where he has past most of his time, since his Fathers death, was two days since secured and made a prisoner by the Emperor's Order, upon the intercepting of certain Letters, by which, it's said, it appears that he had a correspondence with the revolted Boors, and that he had encouraged them in their rebellion by promising them considerable Assurances. Four Companies of Count *Souches* Regiment are ordered to march to *Philipsburg*, to reinforce that Garrison, and its belived more Troops will be sent thither for the same purpose, upon the repeated instances of Count *Starenberg*, who is Governour of that Important place. On Wednesday last the Emperor named the Count *de Thurn*, to go his Envoy Extraordinary to the King of *England*.

Francfort, May 15. From *Lorraine*, we are told, that the Count *de Bissy*, was forming a body of an Army, consisting in 5 or 6000 men; and had Orders to go and Encamp with them in the Country of *Trier*, but with what further design we cannot learn. The Palatinate continues to suffer very much by the French, who pretend to great arrears of contributions, and besides have made themselves Masters of several Castles belonging to the Elector, who has made his complaints to the Emperor and to the States of the Empire assembled at *Ratisbonne*. From *Alsace*, all our Letters tell us, that they expect a great Army there this Summer, and that in order thereunto the French Troops are already drawing together. From *Prague* they write that the young Count *Serini* was made

a prisoner, and that among his papers had been found a French Bill of Exchange.

Cologne, May 17. On Tuesday last the Duke and Ducheis of *Fuliers* parted from *Dusfeldorp*, and the next day arrived at *Aix la Chappelle*, where they were received with much Solemnity, the Duke being the Protector of that City. From *Metz* they write, that two French Regiments, the one of Horse, and the other of Dragoons, were arrived there, with Orders to joyn with some other Troops, under the Command of the Count *de Bissy*. That 150 Troops of Horse were come to *Verdun*, from whence they were to continue their march towards *Alsace*, where it's said, the French will have a very great Army this Summer.

Hamburg, May 17. According to our last Letters from *Copenhagen*, the Queen of *Sweden* had begun her journey for *Schonen*; her departure was attended with much Solemnity and Magnificence; and it's said, that she has taken with her in Jewels and Money, to the value of above 300000 Crowns. It has been reported, that the City of *Bremen*, has a design to put it self under the protection of the Crown of *Sweden*, in consideration of several great priviledges that were offered on the part of that Crown; but few people give credit to it. It is likewise said, that there is a Marriage Treating between the Prince of *Oostfriesland*, and the only Daughter of the Duke of *Zell*.

Brussels, May 17. Yesterday we received an account, by a Messenger sent on purpose, that the Marquis *de Bourgamano*, the King of *Spain's* late Minister in *England*, was arrived at *Ostend*; upon which, Don *Pedro de Ronquillo*, his successor, is parted hence, in order to his passing for *England*, in the same Yacht that brought over the Marquis, whom he will meet this night at *Antwerp*. The Marquis *de Bourgamano*, after having seen the Duke *de Villa Hermosa* our Governor, intends to go immediately to the *Hague*. His Excellency goes the next week for *Flanders*, to take his leave of the States of that Province, it being said at Court, that his Excellency will leave this Government very speedily. Besides the several Castles which we told you in our last the French had possessed themselves of in the Province of *Luxemburg*, we are informed that they have seized above 70 Villages, depending on the same. The French Kings pretension to the Title of Duke of *Burgundy*, has put a stop to the transactions of the Commissioners at *Courtray*; for till *Spain* gives *France* that Title (which the French say, ought not to be denied) seeing their King, by the late Treaty at *Nimeguen*, was not only confirmed in the possession of that Countrey, but obtained the Sovereignty of it: the French Commissioners have declared to those of *Spain*, that they will not Treat any further with them. Yesterday the Count *d'Archino* arrived here from *Germany*. We have Letters from *Catalonia* which tell us, that the *Miquelets* had fallen upon the French, who were working